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Weekly wrap-up

Leading organic food company to locate its national production, distribution center in East Central Indiana

Oct. 3, 2007- Really Cool Foods, one of the nation's leading natural and organic prepared foods company, announced it will locate its national production and distribution center in Cambridge City.



Oct. 3, 2007- Gov. Daniels participates in a groundbreaking ceremony with executives from Really Cool Foods.

The New York-based company plans to invest \$100 million to build and equip the complex in a number of stages, and estimates it will create more than 1,000 new jobs for the area over the course of the project.

"Really Cool Foods saw what Dot Foods, Nestle, ACS, IBM, Indalex, TS Tech, Tomasco and others have: East Central Indiana is a great place to do business," said Governor Mitch Daniels. "To describe what's going on in this part of our state, you can't do better than the company's name."

"Choosing to build the Really Cool Foods National Production and Distribution Center in Indiana gives us a significant competitive advantage on many levels as we roll out the Really Cool Foods brand across the United States," said Really Cool Foods founder Michael Recanati. "This unique, state-of-the-art complex is the critical next step in fulfilling our vision to change the way America eats prepared foods. We are very pleased with the welcoming, supportive business environment in Indiana and Wayne County."

[Read the news release.](#)

State to move ISTEP to spring

Oct. 5, 2007- Governor Mitch Daniels was joined by Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Suellen Reed and members of the State Board of Education to announce that the ISTEP test will move back to the spring.

"Some commitments we were able to keep on the first day, dozens more in the first couple of years. Putting ISTEP back where it should be took a little longer, but this is a great result," said Daniels. "The test will be in the spring, the results will be in hand months sooner, the cost to taxpayers will go down, and school will no longer start sooner than it should."

The governor said the State Board of Education informed him it has concluded negotiations for a spring test and expects to soon enter into agreement with CTB-McGraw Hill and Questar Assessment, Inc. to provide the new assessment at a lower cost than now paid annually.

The cost of the test was \$31 million annually. It will drop to \$29.5 million each year for two years, then to \$28.5 million in the third and fourth years.

[Read the news release.](#)

[Listen to the announcement.](#)



Oct. 4, 2007- Gov. Daniels toured the Cummins Engine Plant in Columbus before chairing a meeting of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation board of directors.

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To visit Governor Daniels' Web site, click [here](#).



Oct. 6, 2007— The governor with students in the Mitch's Kids program.

Governor participates in Circle City Classic parade with Mitch's Kids

Oct. 6, 2007- Governor Daniels invited young Hoosiers from the Mitch's Kids program at the Anderson and Muncie Boys & Girls Clubs to have breakfast in his office and walk with him in the Circle City Classic Parade in Indianapolis.

Mitch's Kids, a statewide initiative introduced by the governor, is operated in conjunction with the Boys & Girls Club after-school POWER Hour program, serving 5- to 14-year-old at-risk students at more than 65 clubs.

Retired teachers to help Indiana children through court system

Oct. 3, 2007- Governor Daniels joined Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard and Indiana Retired Teachers Association (IRTA) executive director Ralph Ayres to announce a new partnership between the IRTA and the Indiana Supreme Court's Guardian Ad Litem/Court Appointed Special Advocate program. For the IRTA's new volunteer project group members will serve as advocates for children in courts.

"Since day one, we've made protecting Indiana's children, our most vulnerable citizens, a top priority," said Daniels. "Great teachers never stop caring about kids. This is a perfect match and another major step of progress moving Indiana forward."

[Watch the announcement.](#)

In 2006, more than 4,500 Hoosier children received homework assistance and tutoring in reading and math through Mitch's Kids. Daniels renewed the program, aimed at closing the achievement gap for low-income and minority students, for 2007.



Oct. 5, 2007— Gov. Daniels welcomed to his office the current recruit class and training staff of the Terre Haute Fire Department.

Manufacturer to consolidate its Midwest operations in Columbus

Oct. 4, 2007- Gov. Daniels joined executives from automotive parts manufacturer PMG Indiana Corporation to announce the company is consolidating its Midwest operations in Columbus, creating 73 new jobs.

PMG Indiana Corporation, a powder metal supplier, will invest more than \$11 million to relocate their Dayton, Ohio-based production and research and development operations to a new facility adjacent to their existing building.

"We have worked hard to create a competitive business climate that encourages businesses to invest in Indiana," said Daniels. "PMG's choice to grow its business here is yet another sign that our efforts are paying off and creating jobs for hard working Hoosiers."

[Read the news release.](#)



Oct. 2, 2007- Governor Daniels participates in a question and answer session at Valparaiso University.

Company to grow its operations on Indy's Eastside

Oct. 1, 2007- Major Tool & Machine, a leading engineering, fabrication and machining services company, announced today it will expand its operations in Indianapolis, creating more than 50 new jobs.

The family-owned company will invest \$20 million to add 150,000 square feet of manufacturing space and automated production equipment to its eastside operations.

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A look ahead...

Governor Daniels will travel to Muncie and New York City this week.